

VOTE ON CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT?

SAID THAT MOLINE WILL DECIDE FATE OF COMMISSION FORM AT SPRING ELECTION.

Dissatisfied Ones Call Meeting at Turner Hall March 10 to Organize for Campaign.

That the question of returning to the aldermanic form of government will be placed on the ballot before the voters in Moline at the election April 20 is confidently asserted by men who are interested in the movement. They say that they have almost enough signatures to insure a vote and they mean to push the question through, regardless of the prospects for success. At Turner hall Wednesday, March 10, a mass meeting has been called for the purpose of effecting some sort of an organization to carry on a campaign. It is not announced who will preside at the meeting and no names have been mentioned in connection with the call for the meeting.

Say Commission Is Costly. Those who oppose the commission form assert that it is too costly and is not representative. They say they believe the majority of the people are with them and they desire to put the matter to a test.

ASSEMBLE FIRST TIME IN DECADE

MOLINE HIGH SCHOOL PUPILS HAVE UNIQUE EXPERIENCE AT OPENING OF ROOM.

For the first time in 10 years all the pupils of the Moline high school were today gathered in a general assembly. The occasion was the formal opening of the assembly room at the new high school, this part of the building just having been completed. The pupils were assigned seats, there just before noon and a short program was given.

A number of members of the board of education were present. Principal E. P. Netting called the session to order and presented Superintendent C. P. Maxson, who spoke briefly and then introduced members of the board. Then Tom Merriman and Marv Griggs, winners respectively of the boys' and girls' declamation, gave their readings.

The session, which had been opened with the singing of "America," closed with the song "The Maroon and White" by the school.

MOLINE OBITUARY

Paul McElhatton. The death of Paul, 16-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul McElhatton, occurred Sunday morning at the home, 1121 1/2 Twelfth avenue, Moline. He had been ill but a few days with pneumonia. He was born in Rock Island and was the only child. The funeral was held at 3 o'clock this afternoon at the Danielson & Fargie undertaking rooms. Father O'Connor officiated and burial was in St. Mary's cemetery, East Moline.

Irene Margaret Barber. Death came to Irene Margaret, 2-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Barber, 429 Eighteenth avenue A, Moline, at 4:30 this morning. Pneumonia was the cause. The parents, a sister, Louise, and a brother, Emil, survive. The funeral will be held at 7:30 Tuesday morning at the home and at 8 o'clock at Sacred Heart church, with interment in St. Mary's cemetery, East Moline.

BRYAN GETS 3-MILE PETITION FROM 350,000 SCHOOL CHILDREN, BEGGING EUROPE'S WARRING RULERS TO STOP THEIR FIGHTING



School children presenting petition. Ambassador Naon of Argentina, is with Mr. Bryan.

A petition addressed to the rulers of the warring European nations signed by 350,000 school children of 45 of the United States was presented to Secretary Garrison by 12 little girls of the Washington public schools. It asked for an immediate armistice to lay the troubles of each nation before the Hague tribunal for settlement. The petition with all the names attached measured exactly three miles in length.

ROAD'S EMPLOYEES FREE FROM BLAME

DEATH OF CHARLES P. JOHNSON, MOLINE CROSSING FLAGMAN, WAS UNAVOIDABLE.

Confused By Two Trains He Passed in Front of One and Was Run Down by the Second.

Employees of the Rock Island road were freed from blame in connection with the death of Charles P. Johnson, 1210 Third street, Moline, who was struck by a train at the Twelfth street crossing in that city Saturday evening. The coroner's jury heard the evidence of witnesses at 10 o'clock this morning at the Esterdahl undertaking parlors and returned an open verdict.

Johnson's death was peculiar in that he himself was crossing the road for the Rock Island road, his station being at Seventeenth street, Moline. Saturday evening at 5:45 he reached Twelfth street on his way home from work. He stopped for a moment to talk with Olof Anderson, watchman for the Rock Island there, and then attempted to cross the tracks in front of two trains, both approaching from the west. Apparently he saw only a switch engine with a string of cars which was the nearer. He crossed in front of this and then, though warned by Anderson, continued, stepping in front of a fast freight.

Apparently he was struck by the drawbar of the locomotive. His body was thrown off the track on the south side. Dr. A. H. Arp, who attended him at the hospital, said he was dying when he was brought there. Four or five ribs on the right side were crushed in, this causing death. In addition there was an abrasion of the left temple and a bruise on the right arm.

Could Not See Crossing. The train was No. 2521 in charge of Engineer William Relchert of Silvis and Conductor John H. Crisman, 2509 Seventh avenue, Rock Island. The engineer testified that he could not clearly see the track at Twelfth street from the cab when approaching from the west, due to a curve. It was customary for the fireman to watch at this point. He saw the body thrown to one side, however, and stopped the train as quickly as possible. He said the train was moving at the rate of only seven or eight miles an hour. His only seven or eight miles an hour. His

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CITY COURT FOR MOLINE IS FACT

JUDGE DIETZ, BACK WITH COMMISSION, FORMALLY INAUGURATES SESSIONS.

No Business Will Be Done Till April 12—Five Terms a Year Are Proposed.

After years of agitation, anticipation and preparation the Moline city court is now a fact. At least the salary of the elected officers has started, though the formal sessions of the tribunal will not begin till Monday, April 12.

Saturday night Judge G. O. Dietz returned from Springfield with his commission and at 9:30 this morning Deputy Sheriff Jake Wigers, acting as special bailiff, officially proclaimed the court to be in session. Judge Dietz and City Clerk G. A. Schrader were in their places and there were present in the room a small group of Moline attorneys and others who had been invited to be present.

Under the law it will be impossible for the court to transact any business till after the notice of the establishing of the court has been published for 40 days. However, Judge Dietz invited the attorneys to confer with him this morning and make suggestions as to the time of holding sessions. As a result of the conference it was announced that the first term would open April 2 and that five terms would be held annually, opening on the second Tuesday in April, June, September, December and February.

Will Start Many Cases. Attorneys who were present when the court was convened were W. A. Meese, W. S. McClurg, City Attorney James M. Johnston, W. E. Whiteside, J. F. Harper, F. J. Landee, M. J. McEniry and A. H. Kohler. Mr. Wigers acted in a special capacity for the occasion, the regular bailiff to serve in this court, who will be a Moline man, not having been appointed. Judge Dietz stated that a master-in-chancery and a court stenographer would be named soon. A number of Moline attorneys are said to plan dismissing cases in circuit court and starting them anew in the city court in the hope of getting quicker action.

Instead of going through the county court the Nineteenth avenue paving case will be referred to the city court in accordance with action taken by the Moline commission at today's meeting. At the suggestion of City Attorney James M. Johnston the ordinance was amended so as to refer it to the local tribunal.

not be drawn into it against our will. The people of this country are only beginning to realize the extent of our military and naval unpreparedness." Colonel Roosevelt says he will gladly serve as chairman of the legion's board of honorary advisers, and hopes that the legion will accomplish its purpose in organizing a first reserve, for, he says:

"It is idle for us to trust to arbitration and neutrality treaties unbacked by force. Let us act justly toward others and let us also be prepared, with stout heart and strong hand, to defend our rights against injustice from others."

In a formal statement of the aims and objects of the legion given out last night by Captain Johnston and his associates, it is said that the legion, now being incorporated under the laws of New York state, plans to enroll in its membership first all men who have had any army and naval training and are therefore equipped for instant service. But the legion seeks to enroll patriotic citizens, especially those whose special qualifications make them immediately valuable.

Declaring that the organizers of the legion do not believe in militarism, but want the country to be prepared for any emergency, the statement continues:

"No one can be sure this country will not be dragged into war. Therefore, it is only common sense to provide against that ugly possibility. A man may be pretty sure his house will not burn, but he insures it just the same."

"We do not believe in militarism. But we do believe in being able to defend ourselves if we are attacked. There is a vast difference."

Captain Johnston, in supplementing the formal statement, said that while the legion is being organized independent of the army and navy and will have no official connection with either, it will be organized along the lines of the geographical divisions of the army. The government, he said, keeps no record of the men who annually leave the army and navy. He estimated that there are from 200,000 to 300,000 such men scattered throughout the country who within a short period can be enrolled.

"The government at war and recruiting for special service," the statement says, "could do only what the legion will do beforehand. For both firing line and special service the government could draw first from the legion, for both its branches, would be already partly organized, already mobilized, and all necessary individual data, including measurements for government uniforms, caps, and shoes, previously taken and recorded."

The California fruit growers are now shipping 200 car loads of oranges a day which, figured as 400 boxes to the car, approximate 80,000 boxes daily. The market at this time is very active and retail prices reasonable. In fact, these prices are low for this season of the year, whereas the quality of the fruit is at its best.

All the news all the time—The Argus.

HEINZ Spaghetti

COOKED READY TO SERVE

Spaghetti is good the way the Italians make it—but it is even better the way Heinz makes it. A celebrated Italian chef supplied the recipe.

It is ready-cooked. It has both tomato sauce and cheese in it. To heat it put the can in boiling water 15 minutes before serving. Many people like it cold.

ONE OF THE 57

SCHOOLS CLOSED FOR TWO WEEKS

SILVIS AUTHORITIES TAKE RADICAL STEPS TO STAMP OUT THE MEASLES.

Estimated That There Are 80 Cases in the Village, With Many Pupils Exposed.

With probably 80 cases of measles in the village the board of health of Silvis today closed the schools for a period of two weeks during which an effort will be made to get the upper hand over the disease. While quarantine regulations will not be established public meetings and the mingling of the children in groups will be discouraged.

Last week in four rooms in the village school pupils were taken ill and all their associates were exposed. Cases have been reported in 46 homes and there are 85 cases known to exist. In addition, it is estimated that there are 15 cases which have not been reported.

Feel They Are Justified. In view of the serious after effects of measles and the increasing disposition everywhere to resort to the quarantine to prevent its spread the Silvis authorities feel that they are justified in closing the schools and taking other radical measures to free the village of the disease.

TYPIST CHAMPION IN EXHIBITION IN MOLINE Emil Trefzger of Peoria, champion typist, will give an exhibition at the Moline Brown's business college Tuesday afternoon at 2:15. He is in the employ of the Underwood company. He has written for an hour at the rate of 129 words a minute.

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